

State or Local Officials

Use officials/ Use contract-type reporters/ Don't use reporters

This is an overview. More specific information may be obtained at each state's website.

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Alabama	Yes	County	Criminal like ours; civil motions, civil trials ER for child custody @ 4.00/pg	Stay with judge; some rovers	4.00 = 3.50/00.50	paper, pens, toner, cassette tapes for those still using dictation equipment; any supplies machine writers need	50K average & supplement up to 10K by county	Steno or voice	No. contract reporters if they don't cover for each other.
Alaska	No								
Arizona	Yes	County	Cover all criminal and civil courts	OCRs mandatory for felony trials, grand jury, juvenile severance tirals, abortion for minors and sexually violent persons hearings	2.80 – indigent 0&1	Basic office supplies	23.90-31.25/hr	Steno/ER	ER used in conjunction with OCR when an OCR is available. OCR's notes are the official record Transcriptionists are used for ER recordings,
Arkansas	Yes	state	Circuit Court		4.10/pg 0&2 (all)				

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California	Yes	State	Juvenile, family law, felony, felony motion, drug court Civil varies by county, official or private hire	Hired by judge and picked from pool by judge	2.80/pg 0&1 3.22/pg 0&2	none Reporters supply all equipment	Top 84,000 Hourly at 31-41/hr 4-20% differential for realtime	steno	
Colorado	Yes		Trials, probations, motions, child protection		2.85	none	49,728-66,648	Steno (r/t preferred)	
Connecticut	Yes	State	Juvenile, Family, Civil, Criminal	OCR per district (13) manages CRs' assignments	2.75 indigent = 2.00/.75 Private – Reg. delivery 3.00/1.75 State – Reg. delivery 3.50/1.25	Stenos provide own equipment/paper, binders, mailers provided by State CRM have all equipment provided by State	40-HR/week with 15+ yrs 46-55K	Steno Courtroom Monitors for DAR	Not hiring steno any longer, replacing with ER. The OCR in each district is a steno and decides how to manage reporters/ER
Delaware	Yes	county	superior	Travel in an area	3.00 reg = 2.00/1.00 5.00 exp = 3.00/2.00 6.50 overn 4.00/2.50	Desktop Computer and software	46-61K	realtime	Has ER monitor & managers Common pleas & family 43-71k salary 3.00 = 2.00/1.00 5.00 exp. = 3.00/2.00

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Florida	Per Diem Contracts	In house by county and contract Contract rates:55/hr, 35 each addtl hr 300/day --- - r/t contract75/hr, 47.5 each addtl hr 400/day	Only criminal Murder & hrgs in/hs & contract Felony trial and TPR – in house Civil motions and trials by private hire		None for in-house reporters ----- 5.00 = 4.00/1.00 per copy	Everything provided	52.4-105.6K for in-house ----- n/a for contract	realtime	County court ER
Georgia	Yes	State	Superior	Stay with judge one place	3.78 /0&2 1.51 extra copies Transcript prepared of all criminal proceedings	Buy own equipment and CEUs and toner; some incidentals like paper clips are given	47K average 140/day1st day r/t trial; 90/day after 1st day	Stenotype, mask, pen (only 2 pens left)	District
Hawaii	Yes	State	Report: Civil, criminal felony by ER: Family, traffic, misdeem.	Rotation schedule for reporters and judges	\$3.50 = 2.50/1.00 crim appeal 60 days Rates differ by deadline; Civil appeal: \$4.75 = 3.25/1.50	Laptops for e-filing and use in courtroom provided by state. All else, reporter	Starts at 51,924K (4,327/mo)	Stenotype only RT to judges	In extreme cases ER used to Cover
Idaho	Yes	state	everything	Hired by judge and stay with for travel	4.50 3.25/1.25	License renewal paid	21.56-22.00/hr 5% extra r/t	Steno R/T = 2,500 one time bonus	None

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Illinois	Yes	State 180/day contract for emergencies	All but traffic and domestic	Chief judge hires and assigned out to other judges	3.15 public 3.00 gov	Disks and consumables like pens and tape	37-51 K	Steno	ER page rate same as reporter for traffic and domestic
Indiana	Yes	County employee hired by judge	All; each county has superior and "circuit"	Stay with judge; may have pool in large areas & to cover absences	Varies by county Indig. 2.50-5.00 Pvt 2.50-7.50 4 of 92 counties \$0(4 of the least populated counties in the state.)	Varies by county	33-46K	Steno & ER May be some voice	Yes
Iowa	Yes	State	Felonies, civil, family, juvenile, misdemeanor	Go with judge	Reg 4.00 = 3.50 + .50 Exp. 5.25 = 4.50 + .75 DAILY6.50 = 5.50 + 1.00 ROUGH 2.50 = 2.25 + .25 r/t 3.75 = 2.75 + 1.00	No equipment provided	47K -72 K	Steno/voice	ER only in juvenile delinquency

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Kansas	Yes	By district	District and magistrate	With a judge or pool	3.50 0+all Exp x 2 Daily x 4 Rough or R/T = 1.50	1-All equipment is completely paid for and new machine on a time table 2-Computer,software,r ealtime equipment/machine & paper paid for by reporter 3-Reporter pays for everything	33.8K to 79 K	Steno/voice	
Kentucky	No								
Louisiana	Yes	County		Hired by judge; stay with judge in same courtroom or courthouse	4.50 = 3.00/1.50	All supplies provided. Machines and software by _____	25-60K	Steno and voice (although not many voice reporters)	ER in rural areas
Maine	Yes	State Hired by administrative office	8 for state Travel and "board" like us	All trials, civil, crim, nonjury, Grand jury on request	3.00 = 0&1 00.50 for additional copies		Max at 65k		District But reporter when available (not often)
Maryland	Yes	County by county Reporter or ER	Circuit (our superior) All crim Civil- try to cover	Pooled and sent to courts to cover	3.00 = 0&1 00.50 for additional copies		80K at 20 years		usually audio or atty hires

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Massachusetts	Yes	State employee	Superior crim Civil ER or private hire	Courthouse With judge	3.10 = 3.00 + .10	Supplies provided; reporter equipment	78.5 K at 7 yrs and onward	Steno or voice	ER in district
Michigan	Yes	AWAITING	FURTHER	INFO	2.05 = 1.75/00.30 Expedited-market rate	FOR	48-70K new hires capped at 59.8K	THIS	STATE
Minnesota	Yes	State hired/one for each judge; or CMRs in one county	District (our Superior)	Works with one judge/CMRs stay in one county	3.50 = 3.25/.25 5.00 /civil 4.75/.25 3.75 /Indigent 3.55/.25 Not had a page increase in 8 yrs	Reporter pays for their own equipment and all equipment CMRs system provided by State	Hourly 20.09/hr Step 1 through 31.81 hr/Step 7 Reporter advances 1 step / year to Step 7	Steno/CMRs	Utilized in most Courtrooms
Mississippi	Yes	county	Circuit Chancery District s	Each Judge has 1, sometimes 2 OCRs	2.40 pp for everything	Some counties pay for supplies/some pay for nothing Judicial College pays for each reporter to attend a seminar twice a year	40-46K No raise in 11 years	Steno	No ER except for Tribal hearings
Missouri	Yes	state	Felony, family, some misdemeanors (No ER coverage)	Stay with judge; travel if judge does	2.60 crim 3.50 civil		55 K average	steno	

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Montana	Yes	State	All superior civil and crim 30 reporters/5 ER Switching back to reporters from ER	Stay with judge. No judge rotation	2.55 = 2.05/.50 to state agency 2.60 to non gov. .50/.25 Copies 4.10 exp. 5.15 Daily	Stenomachine and laptop provided by state, yearly software updates, SD cards	Hourly at \$17.54/hr	Steno	ER in district court & 5 superior. Rehiring reporters for 5 ER rooms
Nebraska Their district = our superior; their superior = our district	Yes	state	Live reporter in what equals our superior	Hired by judge and follows judge; on call when no court in their district	3.75 = 3.25/.50	Disks and steno paper	50K range at 20 yrs. Extra for CRR	steno	Typing service for juvenile – same page rate
Nevada	Yes	170 per diem – all Civil also \$30/hr paid by attys	Live reporters in what equals our superior CR in what equals our district for all probable cause type hearings	Stay with judge Responsible to cover Absences for sickness or vacat.	3.55 /appeal 0 only	none	Per diem	steno	Paid salaried and benefited court recorder; Types under 45 minutes; farms out over; lots of inaudible noted
New Hampshire	No								
New Jersey	Yes	State	Mostly superior; occasional district	Assigned by district like NC	4.63 = 30-day 3.97/.66 6.95 5 day = 5.96/.99 9.86 daily = 7.94/1.92	nothing	56.8 – 77.7 K 68.1 -98.8 r/t	Steno only	Any “certified typist.” Test administered and they are certified

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New Mexico	Yes	State	All but family law which records Traffic and small claims not courts of record	Pooled within a district and cover for each other	3.50 0&2 civil appeal 3.25 0 Civil nonappeal 3.50 0&2 crim appeal 2.00 0 crim non appeal	Varies greatly by district. Some just steno paper and regular paper; some districts as much as CEU costs are paid	20-30/hour based on experience. 40-hr workweek & can work on transcripts in that time if no court	Steno	DR for vacancies or very rural areas
New York	Yes	State	Lower NYC (district) OCRs Supreme (superior) NYC- OCRs Grand jury NYC OCRs Worker's Comp -OCR Misdemeanor -ER	Stay with judge Do rotate within borough on a yearly schedule	City: 3.50=2.50o/1.00c reg 4.15=3.15o/1.00c exp 6.50=4.80o/1.70c r/t State: 4.15=3.15o/1.00c reg 5.35=4.25o/1.10c exp 8.65=6.95o/1.70c r/t	All equipment by OCR Steno paper by state CEU time off w/o using vacation but no payment of CEUs or travel	75K-120K 3,200/yr step and yearly raise	Steno only in NYC Realtime required in NYC	Very limited use and only when extreme shortage
North Carolina	Yes	State employee	Superior only civil and criminal	By district and rovers	1.25 00.37 if only State copy	Print cartridges which we don't use anymore CDs (not DVD) Some machine repair	Average 50K (our reporters average 20 yrs experience)	Steno and voice	
North Dakota	Yes	State	Everything	Travel with judge	nothing for indigent 9-5 only and comp time for transcript prod. 4.00= 3.25/.75 civil Nonexpedite 5.00=4.25/.75 civil expedite within 14 days	Everything including CEUs, travel	48.8K-73.2K step raises every two years	Steno or DR (judge decides)	Not if reporter is utilized

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Ohio	Yes	County		Varies by County	2.50/indigent crim 5.00/civil	Varies by county	55-62K	Steno or DR if not steno	
Oklahoma	Yes	State	Everything but traffic court including divorces and TPR-type	Deployed like us – working on remote reporting for shortages of reporters	4.50 = 3.50/1.00 Criminal and civil	Office phone and desk Incidental supplies	49,500 K average	Steno	None
Oregon	no								
Pennsylvania	Yes	County employee	County court	Stay in a courthouse no travel	1.50 = 1.25/00.25 (indigent) 2.75 pvt 0&1, 1.50 addt'l copy	All supplies, equipment, storage media, CEU needs, Travel to CEUs	38-48 K	Steno only	District has ER and monitors
Rhode Island	Yes	State	Superior and Family court		4.50 = 3.00/1.50	Machine and software	49-55 K	Steno only	District ER Attys must get CR to transcribe at going rate
South Carolina	Yes	State employee	District and superior	Deployed like we are.	3.25/pg for ALL transcripts.	Nothing provided	Bi-weekly salary. \$47 K for 23 yr experience reporter	Steno and voice	No ER
South Dakota	Yes	State employee	All but small claims court use CR	For judge or pooled w/ travel and meal	3.40 = 3.00/00.40	Steno paper and ribbons (antiquated)	Hourly starts at \$20.70 Plus overtime	All steno	ER when no reporter – same page rate

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Tennessee	Yes	State employee & Per diem no rovers Reporter must find substitute for day off	Available for civil or criminal upon request	For judge	3.50 indigent market rate for civil	stenopaper, transcript covers, CDs, exhibit labels, allotment for other supplies and machine maintenance	Per diem 200/day, 100/1/2 day Bonuses in rate for longevity after 3 yrs up to 2,500 Salaried: 2,228 to \$2,918/month	Any method	Everything digitally recorded, but reporters can use any means to transcribe & often take reporting equip. to court
Texas	Yes	counties		Work for judge who assigns them	4.55 = 3.65/.90/.60 for 30-day 5.15 = 4.25/.90/.60 for 14-day	Reporter supplies equipment State pays for yearly association dues, licenses and CE seminars	53-92K		
Utah	No								
Vermont	No								
Virginia	Per Diem	Contract only for criminal 150/1/2 day, 25/hr after lunch/30/hr after 5 p.m.				Crim 5.50 /page for 0&2 Civil \$3.50 /pg and appearance fee at going rate which is more than criminal rate			
Washington	Yes	County	Superior	For judge	\$3.10/pg = indigent; \$.25/pg = copy; civil market rate	Reporters provide all equipment	\$60,000, no matter the experience	Realtime	
West Virginia	Yes	State	Circuit – WV employs OCRs and uses freelance reporters to fill in	For judge	3.85 = (CR) 2.85-Orig/1-CC .75 – 2 nd -5thCC Typists get \$1.50 for O and .75 for each CC up to 5 copies	Reporters provide equipment	42-56K – Range for certified OCRs	Steno & Voice	

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Wisconsin	Yes	County or contract at 188/day + \$18-23/hr overtime No transcripts during court day	Each judge hires own OCR, exception is Milwaukee where a pool of OCRs are utilized	Court Commissioners use DAR. One judge employs DAR – all others have OCRs	2.00/pg= 1.50/.50 for government rate 2.75/pg= 2.25/.50 For non government	Reporters provide all equipment. In some counties provide paper and common supplies	27-67K Range for certified OCRs with no experience up to 20+		
Wyoming	Yes	State employees; supervised by a judge	family law, juvenile justice, felonies, and all civil matters over \$50,000.	Stays with the one judge	\$3.25 = 0&1 \$1.25 add'l copies	Reporter provides computer, software, writer, maintenance, State does CEUs & supplies.	57.7 K average Incentive raises for CRR	Steno only	Only used in lower courts like traffic and very seldom in juvenile